

## **Work plan for post-acute care**

**ISSUE:** The purpose of the post-acute care session is to give the Commission an idea of the types of analysis staff plan to present in this area in the coming year. A major portion of our work in the fall and winter will focus on the post-acute care update chapters for the March report, in which we will follow MedPAC's update framework for assessing payment adequacy. In addition, we plan special projects to address a number of other issues which go beyond the specific elements of the update framework. Finally, we will present some preliminary findings from work started this summer.

**KEY POINTS:** In the presentation, staff will highlight components of the research plan for assessing payment adequacy in each of the following payment areas for which the Commission will make update recommendations:

- Skilled nursing facilities
- Home health providers
- Inpatient rehabilitation facilities

Staff will also describe the research plans for special projects we plan to develop throughout the fall and winter in each of the following areas:

- Long-term care hospitals
- Hospice providers
- Hospital-based skilled nursing facilities
- Home health quality

Finally, staff will present preliminary results from work conducted over the summer in the following areas:

- Hospital-based skilled nursing facilities
- Home health access, information from the National Home Health and Hospice Survey

**ACTION:** We would appreciate feedback from Commissioners on any of the agenda items discussed.

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